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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 0537

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OTRA, MORG, MI, ZA
SUBJ: DATT VISIT TO ZAMBIA
REF: LILONGWE 0241 (NOTAL)

1. THIS IS A PARTICULARLY DELICATE TIME TO PLAN FOR A DATT VISIT. RECENT BORDER CLASHES, AN INCURSION BY RHODESIA FORCES INTO ZAMBIA FOLLOWED BY MINE INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE KILLED AT LEAST TEN ZAMBIANS AND WOUNDED OTHERS INCLUDING AN MP HAVE HEIGHTENED ZAMBIAN SENSITIVITY TO ANYTHING RESEMBLING MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR EFFORTS TO ACCREDIT DATT LILONGWE TO ZAMBIA HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND ANY VISIT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNOFFICIAL AND TOURISTIC IN NATURE. THIS WOULD MEAN HE AND THE EMBASSY WOULD BE FACED WITH AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION SHOULD HE BECOME, NO MATTER HOW INADVERTENTLY, INVOLVED WITH THE ZAMBIA AUTHORITIES. THE CHANCES OF THIS OCCURRING HAVE BEEN HEIGHTENED BY REFTEL BEING UNCLASSIFIED. IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT THE ZAMBIANS ARE NOW ALERT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OFFICIAL VISIT AND MIGHT WELL TAKE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN COL. ABERNATHY WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE EMBARRASSMENT WE WISH TO AVOID. WE THEREFORE CONCLUDE THAT APRIL IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR HIS VISIT.

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2. WE WILL KEEP EMBASSY LILONGWE ADVISED ON OUR EFFORTS TO GAIN ACCREDITATION FOR COL. ABERNATHY AND OF OUR ESTIMATE OF WHEN HIS VISIT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

3. REQUEST THAT ALL FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING DATT RESPONSIBILITIES IN ZAMBIA BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.
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